

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## PATRICK COUNTY WILDFIRE

### SITUATION REPORT # 2

1500 Hours April 16, 2006

*New Information in Bold Italics*

*The next Situation Report will be 17 April 2006 at 1500 hours.*

### SUMMARY

Patrick County and Virginia Department of Forestry resources are fighting a wildfire on Bull Mountain that began on 14 April and has burned over **850 acres, destroyed 5 homes** and is threatening 70 homes. ***The fire is being managed utilizing a Unified Command.***

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

- EOC Activation:** The Virginia VEOC is at Increased Readiness condition.
- State of Emergency:** On April 15, 2006, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency to exist for Patrick County to assist in responding to this wildfire. Governor Kaine directed appropriate assistance be rendered by agencies of the state government to respond to assist in Patrick County to alleviate adverse conditions created by the wildfire.
- Federal Declaration:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 3, advised that they received approval for a Fire Management Assistance Grant. Declaration number 2637.
- Protective Actions:** Local Emergency Declared: Patrick County declared a local emergency on April 15, 2006.

### WEATHER

- Forecast:** **Patrick County:** **Sunday 16 April** – NWS Blacksburg has issued a Special Weather Statement indicating that the fire danger will remain high across Southside Virginia and the Northwest Piedmont. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures in the upper 70s with South winds 10 to 15 MPH. 50% chance of rain. **Sunday Night** – Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low temperatures in the mid 50s with South winds 10 to 15 MPH becoming Northeast after midnight. 50% chance of rain. **Monday 17 April** – Showers likely with high temperatures in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 MPH. 70% chance of rain. **Monday Night** – Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers then becoming partly cloudy after midnight. Low temperatures in the low 40s with North winds 10 to 15 MPH. **Tuesday 18 April** – Partly cloudy with high temperatures in the low 60s. North winds around 10 MPH in the morning then becoming light and variable.

### OPERATIONS SECTION

- Local Liaison:** VDEM Local Support Services Division Region Six Coordinator is available as needed.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

- ESF 4 – Firefighting:** Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
- The VDOF has an Incident Management Team, 26 personnel, three bulldozers and two helicopters assisting with fire suppression. ***Incident Management Team reports the fire is not contained and it is undetermined when it will be contained. They***

**report 15 homes currently threatened with resources in place providing protection. VDOF advised they have 1 Federal Hot Shot team, 17 personnel, and 1 Type II team, 18 personnel, on scene assisting with fire suppression. Resource Advisor from FEMA is on scene completing field work for the FEMA request.** The Incident Management Team reports **90** firefighters from localities assisting with fire suppression. **VDOF submitted FEMA Form 90-58, Request for Fire Suppression Assistance, on 15 April and that has been forwarded to FEMA Region 3.**

**ESF 13 - Public Safety & Security:**

Virginia Department of Military Affairs/National Guard (VDMA/VNG)

Governor Kaine authorized mobilization of 46 National Guard soldiers to assist Patrick County and VDOF with fire suppression activities and evacuation. **VA National Guard currently has 45 soldiers on State Active Duty. 2 teams with 20 personnel and 3 support personnel to provide fire support are on scene and 2 soldiers providing support at Fort Pickett Joint Operations Center.**

**INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH**

**ESF 1 – Transportation:**

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

VDOT is assisting with road closures as requested by the Incident Management Team and the VDOT Residency Shop in Stuart, Virginia is being utilized as the Incident Command Post.

**LOGISTICS SECTION**

**ESF 7 – Resource Support:**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The VEOC is coordinating requests for assistance from the locality and state agencies.

**LOCAL ACTIVITIES**

Patrick County has evacuated **75** homes and has a shelter open at the Smith River Rescue Squad Building. **Currently 2 personnel from the American Red Cross assisted by 5 personnel from the Rescue Squad are assisting 17 citizens at the shelter.** Patrick County has utilized mutual aid to request firefighting assistance from neighboring Virginia and North Carolina localities. **Patrick County is considering requesting a Type 5 and Type 6 truck from Roanoke County through Statewide Mutual Aid.**

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